

## CLAUDE SPURLOCK QUICKLY ACQUITTED

Testimony Shows He Was Attacked by Finis Lovett and Neville Daniels First

Having clearly proven a case of self defense, Claude Spurlock, who shot Finis Lovett to death at Bobtown April 17, was quickly cleared by a jury in circuit at noon Wednesday.

Testimony of even the commonwealth's witnesses showed that Lovett was the aggressor; that he was "wild drunk" on moonshine whisky, and after having endeavored to provoke a fight with several others around the Rucker store, "jumped on" young Spurlock after the latter had told him he was a stranger to him and did not want any trouble with him. The testimony showed that Lovett first knocked Spurlock down, then Neville Daniels, who had gone to the store with Lovett struck Spurlock; and when he arose Lovett knocked him down again. Mr. William Rucker, and Spurlock both testified that Lovett put his hand in his pants pocket as if to draw a knife. Then Spurlock shot and Lovett stepped back a step or two and fell over and died.

Spurlock was defended by Attorneys A. R. Burnam and G. Murray Smith, while Commonwealth's Attorney B. A. Crutcher and County Attorney O. P. Jackson handled the prosecution.

Jim Alcorn, a young man of the Bobtown section, was the first witness, and told of several trips that he and Lovett made to the store at Bobtown. He said Lovett was drinking some when he first met him about 9 o'clock that morning. He said that Lovett had a gun but that Neville Daniels got it. He said they had been at Bobtown but a few moments, at 2 o'clock, when the killing took place. Alcorn said that he and Lovett had scuffled around some at the store; that they had wrestled and Lovett threw him down. As they went into Rucker's store, he said that Lovett unbuttoned his coat and asked if anybody wanted to fight. Spurlock was in the store but went out. Alcorn did not see the killing he said. He said he heard the shot and went out the back door. He saw no knife or gun.

Neville Daniels, another young man who said he lived at Kings-ton, said he saw Alcorn at the store as he and Lovett got there and that they got some liquor after they left the store and Lovett got drunk. He admitted drinking some himself but said he was no drunk. He said the other boys got the liquor from over towards Big Hill and he didn't know where. He said he saw no scuffle between Alcorn and Lovett. Spurlock hadn't been with them, but came out of the store, and Spurlock and Lovett began fighting. Daniels said he tried to stop them and that Bart Burns grabbed him. When Spurlock shot, he said Lovett made three steps back and fell. Daniels said that Lovett had taken a gun up with him and had sold it to a colored man; that he had Lovett's knife when he was shot, as he had borrowed it to cut a rope with. He said that Lovett hit Spurlock once with his fist but he saw Lovett made no effort to draw a gun or a knife. He said Lovett was very drunk.

On cross examination, Daniels said that he had a holster under his coat but no pistol was in it. He saw Lovett and Spurlock go across the road fusing, but said he didn't remember having told Lovett he'd stand by him, and he didn't remember having hit Spurlock himself; nor did he see Lovett knock him down the third time.

Oscar Rucker who conducts the store at Bobtown, said that Lovett walked out and past Spurlock, talking loud, and hit Spurlock and knocked him up against the fence. Spurlock got up and Lovett hit him again and then Spurlock hit him. He didn't see any pistols before that; nor Lovett with any weapon. Lovett was very drunk "bad" drunk he called it. Just before the shooting, he said Lovett and Jim Alcorn were fighting; Lovett was hitting Alcorn with his fists. He said Daniels hit Spurlock an instant before the shooting; he didn't see Daniels with a knife or weapon. The boys had been in the said Lovett was a good deal

store before the trouble. Lovett was very drunk; he hit the door and burst it. His father told him to get out; that he wanted no trouble there and with those drunk men somebody was going to get hurt mighty quick. He testified that as they went out Lovett turned to Spurlock and asked "By G— do you want to fight?" Witness said that Spurlock replied that he didn't and walked on to where his horse was tied. Lovett followed him; then struck and knocked Spurlock against the fence. Daniels also struck Spurlock as he attempted to rise, and knocked him down; then Lovett knocked him down again and Spurlock shot. The witness said he didn't see a pistol holster on Daniels. He said Spurlock was about half bent over when he fired at Lovett. Witness said Bart Burns was trying to take Daniels away. He said Burns and Spurlock were sober.

Thomas Guess told of seeing the crowd of men scuffling from the school house door. He saw one boy walk away from the crowd and fall. He didn't know who they were but went down about an hour later.

Spurlock made a good witness for himself when placed on the stand by the defense. He said he is married; that he was raised in Clay county. He went to the Rucker store with Bart Burns about 2:30 o'clock and went in to warm. He didn't know Lovett. He had been there 10 or 15 minutes when Lovett came in, cursing, etc. He said Lovett jerked Alcorn down and turning to him said "Who in the hell are you. I'd as soon whip you as anybody."

"I said to him, 'Go away, I don't want to have any trouble with you or anybody.'" Spurlock said that Lovett followed him as he went after his horse and knocked him down. He said Lovett asked Daniels, if he was with him and Daniels replied that he had come with him and would go with him. When Spurlock got up he said Daniels had joined Lovett and struck him and knocked him over, and as he started to get up Lovett ran his right hand into his breeches pocket and said "G-d-you; I'll kill you." and Spurlock said "I shot him."

On cross examination Spurlock said he took the pistol with him as he wanted to try to sell it. He said he saw no weapon on Lovett or Daniels. He said that Daniels and Burns were scuffling when he shot Lovett. Spurlock said he had the pistol in the left hand pants pocket; and drew it with his left hand as he is left-handed. He said Lovett seemed to be drinking. They had never had any trouble before. He said Lovett was a bigger man than he. He saw no pistol holster on Daniels. He said Lovett looked to be 18 or 20 years old.

Wm. Rucker said he was fixing to go to Sunday school when he heard a noise over at the store. He saw Lovett knock Alcorn down and then told his son Oscar he must close the store. Spurlock was in there warming and then got up and walked out to his horse, when Lovett began cursing him. He said that Spurlock replied that he was a stranger and wanted no trouble with him. He said Lovett hit him and Spurlock telling him not to hit him. Mr. Rucker described the ensuing scenes about the same as other witnesses, except he said he saw Lovett step back and run his hand in his pocket just before Spurlock shot. On cross examination he said that Lovett was pretty drunk. Lovett drew no weapon though. He said after he got into the scrap Lovett didn't act so drunk. Mr. Rucker didn't see any weapon nor did he find a weapon on Lovett after the body was examined.

Mrs. Wm. Rucker told of seeing the men fighting from her doorway. She described the scenes up to the actual shooting the same as her husband. She said she had turned to call officers, and didn't see the shooting.

Orie Rucker said when he first saw the men, Daniels was trying to get Lovett to go home. He said Spurlock was perfectly sober. He couldn't hear what they were saying at first but heard Spurlock tell Lovett not to hit him and then turn his back on him to get his horse. As he reached for the reins, Lovett hit him. Then followed the same story of the tragedy. Rucker said the boys had been in the said Lovett was a good deal

**Fined \$50 and Costs**  
In circuit court Tuesday Mrs. Della Terrill was fined \$50 and costs on an assault and battery charge preferred by her sister-in-law, Mrs. Wilmore Maupin. The latter told how she had become ill from an attack made on her by Mrs. Terrill at a party given by Mrs. Harris. Mrs. Terrill did not offer any testimony.

## BIG SUIT AGAINST HARDING'S SISTER

(By Associated Press)  
Washington, May 25—Dr. G. R. Lee Cole today filed a libel suit against Mrs. Carolyn Votaw, sister of President Harding asking \$20,000 damages. He asserts she wrote Justice Stafford last April saying Mrs. Cole had been terribly wronged by Dr. Cole in a letter mailed during the progress of Cole's divorce case. Cole declared his good name and reputation were damaged thereby.

## AUTO SIDESWIPES A MOTOR CYCLE

(By Associated Press)  
Louisville, Ky., May 25.—Six persons were injured, one probably fatally, in a crash between a motor cycle and a small automobile near here last night. Christ Grote, 17, is in a hospital with both legs broken and a small chance of recovery. Edward Kress, a pipefitter, has a dislocated shoulder; Miss Louis Brown a fractured shoulder; Leslie D. Gaddi, a salesman, concussions; Mrs. Gaddi a broken nose; Will Smith, a printer, bruises. The Gaddis automobile is said to have sideswiped the motorcycle of which Smith, Grote and Kress were occupants.

## CARPENTIER HAS RESPECT FOR JACK

(By Associated Press)  
Manhasset, New York, May 25—"I shall face Jack Dempsey confident he will be the strongest and fiercest man whom I dared to put on the gloves with," declared Georges Carpentier, in an estimate of the American whom he is to face for the world's heavyweight championship July 2. "I will go into the ring with the odds against me," he said, adding "if victory comes to me it must be through superior fighting intelligence."

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**Methodist Church Service Tonight**  
Dr. B. C. Horton, pastor of the First Methodist church, Lexington, will preach at the Methodist church this evening at 7:30. It is hoped that many of his old friends will be out to hear him as he held the pastorate of the Methodist church here several years ago, and was greatly beloved by his entire membership.

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Hens ..... 14c lb  
Roosters ..... 5c lb  
Turkeys ..... 15c to 18c lb  
Bacon ..... 13c lb  
Spring Chickens ..... 35c and 40c lb  
Ducks ..... 12c lb  
Geese ..... 8c lb  
Hams ..... 25c lb  
Shoulders ..... 12c lb  
Fowls ..... 5c lb  
Horse Hides ..... \$2 each  
Beef Hides ..... 3c lb

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heavier than Spurlock. Rucker said he saw the lower end of what looked like a pistol barrel sticking out below the holster under Daniels' coat.

John Sanders said he didn't know the parties. But he was near the store and saw a man unloading a horse. Another man hit him and he went down; then another came up and hit him as he arose.

The jury took the case after Judge Shackelford had read his instructions, and agreed quickly on a verdict of not guilty for Spurlock.

## 8TH DIST. BANKERS AT LAWRENCEBURG

Richmond Sends Over Delegation to Annual Convention of Financiers

(By Associated Press)  
Lawrenceburg, Ky., May 25—Rates of interest on contract, the Federal Land bank and Co-operation between member banks and the Federal Reserve Banks were the principal topics of discussion by speakers at the annual convention here today of Group Eight of the Kentucky Bankers' Association. Bankers from Anderson, Adair, Boyle, Casey, Garrard, Jessamine, Lincoln, Madison, Mercer, Shelby and Spencer counties attended.

The meeting opened this morning with Rev. Carl Agee, pastor of the Christian church, delivering the invocation. The bankers were welcomed to the city and Anderson county by Mayor J. L. Toll and on behalf of the bankers of the county by J. M. Johnson, cashier of the Lawrenceburg National Bank. George W. Edwards, cashier of the State Bank and Trust Company, of Harrodsburg, responded.

President J. S. Hocker, of Stanford, made some suggestions to the members in his annual address and was followed by an address by C. H. Ellis, of Sturgis, Ky., president of the Kentucky Bankers' Association.

The afternoon session was given over to addresses and reports of committees. James B. Davis of the Federal Land Bank, Louisville, spoke on "Federal Land Bank and its Relation to Country Banks." J. W. Gaines, president of the Anderson County National Bank, spoke on "The Contract Rate of Interest," and J. A. Cheek, vice president of the Citizens' National Bank, Danville, spoke on "How Federal Reserve Banks May Cooperate with Its Members' Banks."

While the men folk were busy at the convention their wives and daughters were guests at a reception at the home of Mrs. Mary M. Dowling, a luncheon by the Ladies' Aid Society of the Christian Church and in the afternoon drove to "Montrose," the country estate of Davis Brown.

## DECORATION DAY ADDRESS AT NEWBY

At a number of points in Madison county Decoration Day will be observed next Monday, May 30. And the principal decorating this year will be the graves of the young heroes who gave their lives for their country in the late great war for humanity. Out at Newby Hon. Joe P. Chenault of this city, will deliver the address. A correspondent there sends the following about the ceremonies there:  
On Judge Million's farm at Newby, there is a well kept grave that holds the remains of Elmer Lowry one of the noble boys that gave so much, even his life for his country he loved so well. As has been our custom, may the patriotic liberty loving people of the neighborhood do him honor May 30th, at 10:30 o'clock, by their presence at his grave bringing flowers. Joe P. Chenault will be our principal speaker.

## Wounded Man Resisted Arrest, Officers Allege

Whitley City, Ky., May 25—Tate Bonny was brought to jail here suffering from gunshot wounds received when fired on by Deputy Sheriffs H. Morrow, M. Tucker and H. Neville. The officers claim that he resisted arrest on a charge of moonshining.

## Helping Perry Housewives

Hazard, Ky., May 25—Miss Elizabeth Roberts, home demonstration agent for the Home Economics Department, University of Kentucky, has opened an office here for the aid of housewives and girls of Perry county. Her assignment is for three months and, if her reception warrants, it is announced, will be made permanent. She has already started work on boys and girls poultry and garden clubs and girls cooking clubs.

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## BAPTISTS DEFEAT CATHOLICS, 22 TO 9

A Lot of Hitting and a Lot of Errors in Rather One-Sided Game Tuesday

**HOW THEY STAND**

Team	Played	Won	Lost	Pct.
2nd Christians	4	4	0	1.000
1st Christians	4	3	1	.750
1st Baptists	5	3	2	.600
1st Pres.	5	2	3	.400
Methodists	3	0	3	.000
Catholics	3	0	3	.000

(By Edgar T. Higgins)

The Catholic team met with defeat again Tuesday at the hands of the Baptists on the Normal field by a score of 22 to 9. The two McCarty's, father and son, battery, worked again for the Catholic nine. Although hit hard, McCarty, Sr. held the runners close to the sacks. He did not use a glove again and pulled down a high fly barchanded in the third.

Hembree tied A. Hanger in the race for home run honors in the first inning with a circuit drive over the right fielder's head. Both men have collected two.

Hembree and Douglas Chenault led the Baptists in hitting, both collecting three hits in four trips to the plate. Douglas played a fast game on the green, too. Doc Hume, who took center field in the fifth, batted out two singles in three times at bat.

The Catholics made a total of thirteen errors to their opponents seven. They were outthit sixteen to eleven.

Walser again led Enright's nine with three hits in five times up. R. Peyton who was borrowed from the Second Christian team, filled in well at second and hit very well.

**The box score:**  
Catholics AB R H PO A F  
W. Elder lb 3 3 1 3 0 2  
Peyton 2b 5 1 2 4 2 1  
Walser ss 5 2 3 1 3 1  
N. Elder 3b 4 2 1 3 0 1  
R. Kelley lf 4 0 1 0 0 1  
Devere of 4 1 2 1 0 1  
Enright cf 4 0 1 0 0 0  
J. McCarthy c 4 0 0 5 1 1  
McCarthy Sr p 4 0 0 1 0 1

37 9 11 18 6 13  
1st Baptists AB R H PO A F  
Carter cf 4 1 1 3 1 0  
Shepard ss 4 4 2 3 1 0  
McKinney rf 5 4 2 2 0 0  
Hembree 3b 4 3 3 0 3 0  
Chenault lf 3b 4 3 3 0 0 1  
Ringo 2b 5 1 0 2 3 2  
Covington c 2 1 0 5 1 0  
Hume of 3 2 2 0 0 0  
Borders lb 2 0 0 2 0 0  
Saulley lb 3 1 1 4 0 0  
Parks p lf 3 2 2 0 0 0

40 22 16 21 9 7  
R H I  
Baptists 530 158 22 16  
Catholics 320 102 9 11  
Two base hits—Parks 2, Saulley.  
Home runs—Hembree.  
Left on bases—Baptists 4; Catholics 10.  
Stolen bases—W. Elder 3, Peyton, Walser, Enright, Carter, Shepard 2, McKinney 2, Hembree 2, Chenault, Ringo and Borders.  
Struck out—by McCarthy 6; by Parks 4; by Hembree 3.  
Base on balls—off Parks 1; off Hembree 1; off McCarthy 3.  
Wild pitches—Parks 1; Hembree 1.  
Umpires—Gaines and Greenleaf.  
Time—2 hours.

## Saw Mangle Foot and Breaks Leg In Accident

Mt. Olivet, Ky., May 25—While Burris Barlow was kicking sawdust from the carriage at the H. L. Kelly mill, the saw tore into his foot, mangle it and breaking his leg between the ankle and knee.

## Car Ditched In Time To Save Two Lives

Danville, Ky., May 25—At the Southern Railway tracks the John B. Stout automobile was overturned into a ditch and destruction in the path of a passenger train was averted. Mr. Stout was taking his mother, who was convalescent from a serious illness, for a ride and did not see the train until it was within a few yards of the front of the machine.

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## Weather For Kentucky

Fair and continued warm tonight and probably Thursday.

## Today's Livestock Markets

Cincinnati, O., May 25—Cattle slow; hogs 50c lower; Chicago 15c lower; lambs 50c higher; Jersey 50c higher.  
Louisville, May 25—Cattle 200, tops \$8.25; hogs 1,700; mostly 50c lower; tops \$8.10; sheep 3,500; 25c higher; tops \$6; lambs \$13.50.

## SINN FEIN BURN DUBLIN COURTHOUSE

(By Associated Press)

London, May 25—A Central News dispatch says Sinn Feiners burned the Dublin custom house this afternoon. It was the finest building in Dublin and cost a million pounds. One account says the building was fired by bombs.

In connection with the burning of the court house here today four policemen were wounded, seven Sinn Feiners killed, eleven injured and sixty-five taken prisoner. The custom house is still burning this afternoon.

## BIG GAME IN CHURCH LEAGUE THURSDAY

What many believe will prove the hardest fought game of the Richmond Church League to date will be played at the Normal grounds Thursday afternoon. The contestants will be the nines of the First and Second Christian churches. The latter team is leading the league with four straight victories to its credit. The First Christian boys think they have it in them to trim the league leaders, and this game is going to be a "battle for blood" right from the start. It will be started at 3:30 o'clock. The Methodists and Presbyterians are playing on the Normal grounds Wednesday afternoon.

## GEN. WOOD'S AUTO FALLS INTO RIVER

(By Associated Press)

Tuguegaro, Philippine Islands, May 25—The automobile of Maj. Gen. Leonard Wood fell into a river near here yesterday while being ferried across. Wood is injured and is in the hospital. The Philippine conditions at the request of President Harding.

## OWEN DOUGLAS ANNOUNCES FOR JAILER

The first candidate to formally announce for the Republican nomination for Jailer of Madison county is Owen Douglas, of this city, who was endorsed for the nomination by the Republican Committee at its recent meeting. His friends say that this endorsement insures his nomination to a certainty. Mr. Douglas has served in a number of official capacities and is well known all over the county. He says that he will make an active canvass for the nomination. He has many friends who say he will add much strength to the ticket on which his name appears.

## Child Bleeds To Death After Hurlled Through Windshield

Mayfield, Ky., May 25—Mamie Hodge, 5, of Fancy Farm, was killed when thrown through the windshield of an automobile. Glass severed an artery in the girl's neck, and she bled to death. The girl was the only occupant of the auto while her father, M. F. Hodge, cranked the engine. The automobile was in gear and dashed down a grade. Hodge leaped clear of the auto and jumped on the running board. He applied the emergency brake as the car, which had swerved off to the left of the road, struck a stump. The impact hurled the girl through the windshield. She died while being brought to the Mayfield hospital. All efforts of efforts to check the flow of blood were unavailing.

## Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday—all big days in Richmond next week.

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## CONTRACTS LET FOR THREE FINE SCHOOLS

Blanton, Muncy and Berry Are Awarded Work of Erecting New School Buildings

Contracts for three splendid new school houses for the country children of Madison county were let at the recent meeting of the County Board of Education. Altogether the county board is going to spend something like \$36,000 for these three new schools. It is determined that the country schools of Madison county will be second to none.

There was a large number of bidders and what the board considered the lowest and best bid was accepted in each instance. W. E. Blanton, of this city, was awarded the contract for the new building at White Hall. It is to be of brick, to contain four class rooms, two work rooms, a large hall, library, four cloakrooms and an assembly room. The contract calls for the cost to be \$23,000.

The new school at Red House will be built by John Muncy, of Berea, at a cost of \$10,000. It will be of brick and will be of about the same accommodations as that at White Hall, though on a smaller scale and without an assembly hall.

The school building at Cane Spring will be built by John Berry, of Union City, at a cost of \$3,337. It will be of frame and will have one class room, two work rooms, a library and cloakroom.

The board expects these three new school buildings to be ready for occupancy for the fall term of school in September.

A number of the teachers for the next term were elected by the board at this meeting, but as the complete faculty for the country schools was not completed, the list of those so far chosen was not given out.

## WINCHESTER BANK HEAD DIES AT 75

(By Associated Press)

Winchester, Ky., May 25—N. Holly Witherspoon, 75 years old, president of the Winchester Bank died suddenly at his home here last night of acute indigestion. He was one of Morgan's men and had been president of the bank here for 37 years.

Mr. Witherspoon is survived by his wife and two daughters, Mrs. John M. Stevenson, and Mrs. Wm. Sphar, of Winchester; seven grandchildren, two brothers, Lister Witherspoon, of Versailles, and James Witherspoon, of Harrodsburg. Funeral services will be held Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock, conducted by Dr. C. M. Thompson, of the First Baptist church.

Mr. Witherspoon was one of the most prominent and wealthiest men in Clark county. He came to the county from Owenton 37 years ago and organized the Winchester bank. He has served as president of this institution since its founding. He was a Confederate veteran, serving during the Civil War with General John H. Morgan.

## WOOL FROM 33 SHEEP WON'T BUY A SUIT

(By Associated Press)

Henderson, Ky., May 25—"The wool clip of 33 sheep which I sold to a local dealer did not bring enough to purchase a good all-wool suit of clothes," Andrew Konsler, a Henderson county farmer told newspaper men today. "It's some job to clip 33 sheep and prepare the wool for market and when wool from that many sheep does not sell for enough to buy a farmer a good suit of clothes, something is radically wrong," said Mr. Konsler.

## Stepped From One Track To Be Killed On Another

Williamsburg, Ky., May 25—Charlie Harold was killed by an L. & N. passenger train from Atlanta to Cincinnati at Saveri, two miles south of here. He stepped on the main line to get out of the way of another train.

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